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(UT-921)  
UTU-087804  
UTU-087805

October 27, 1995

## CERTIFIED MAIL—Return Receipt Requested

Mr. Glenn Wadsworth  
Reilly Wendover  
P.O. Box 580  
Wendover, Utah 84083-0082

Re: Response To Minor Modification Request For New Dike  
Construction For The North End of The Primary Pond,  
Reilly Wendover Federal Leases UTU-087804 and  
UTU-087805

Dear Mr. Wadsworth:

On October 18, 1995, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) received a request for a minor modification from Reilly Wendover for Federal leases UTU-087804 and UTU-087895. This modification requests permission to construct a new dike system on the north end of the existing primary pond #V. This dike system would be 14,300 feet long and would include approximately 11,000 feet on Federal leases, approximately 4,000 feet on lands administered by the Utah State Institutional Trust Lands Administration (SITLA) and the remaining on fee lands. With a 250-foot increase in the width of the disturbance, this would equate to 63 acres of Federal leases, and 23 acres of SITLA lands that would be affected.

At the present time, Reilly Wendover has in place a primary pond system on the subject Federal leases. This pond is used for the first stage of the evaporation system for the production of potassium and magnesium chloride. The brine in the pond becomes more dense through the process of evaporation. During the evaporation process, sodium chloride precipitates out as a solid and is deposited on the floor of the pond. The estimated precipitation rate is about 6 to 7 inches per year.

The National Environmental Policy Act is covered under a Categorical Exclusion (CX) as a minor modification to an existing mine plan. The CX was performed on October 20, 1995, and is enclosed.

At the present time, there is no bond amount in place for reclamation for the this action. BLM is reviewing the bond amount for the entire Reilly Wendover operation on Federal leases. This bond amount will be sent as a separate action from this approval.

BLM approves the dike reconfiguration on Federal leases UTU-087804 and UTU-087805 as shown on the enclosure. This letter does NOT constitute approval for construction of the dike on State lease 18962, Sec. 32, T. 1 S., R. 17 W.

BLM has determined that this modification is in accordance with 43 CFR 3594.1 and will achieve ultimate maximum recovery of the mineral resource.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Stan Perkes at (801) 539-4036.

Sincerely,

/s/ Alan Rabinoff

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Douglas M. Koza  
Deputy State Director,  
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Enclosure

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RECORD OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION REVIEW

Serial # SL-76-04

Prepared By: Philip Allard

Date: 10/24/95

Approved By: Margaret Wyatt Margaret Wyatt, Area Manager

Date: 10/26/95

Action is: ☐ Nonresource Disturbing

☒ Surface Disturbing

Action is described in attached

1. SUMMARY OF FINDINGS: documents (3 pages) The proposed action is categorically excluded from EA or EIS preparation under categorical exclusion number(s) 516 DM 2, Appendix 2, 516 DM 6, Appendix 5. The proposed action has been reviewed against the nine criteria for exception identified in 516 DM 2, Appendix 2. The proposed action would not meet any of the criterion and is, therefore, not an exception to the categorical exclusion(s) above mentioned.

2. DOCUMENTATION: Field work in June, 1995; Approved mine plan, approval date 7/14/75

Information Source (may include previous NEPA documents, fieldwork, other studies and reports, staff expertise, correspondence, explanatory notes, migration, other).

Criteria for Exceptions to Categorical Exclusion

No Not Present Yes

1. Adversely affect public health and safety.

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2. Adversely affect such unique geographic or ecologically significant/critical characteristics as:

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Historic or cultural resources, park land, recreation lands, refuge land, wilderness areas, (or areas under wilderness review), wild or scenic rivers, sole or principle drinking water aquifers, prime farmlands, wetlands, floodplains, areas on the National Register of Natural Landmarks, other (may include VNM I or II areas, critical wildlife habitat, ACECs, etc., at the Manager's discretion).

3. Have highly controversial environmental effects.

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4. Have highly uncertain environmental effects or involve unique/unknown environmental risks.

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5. Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about a future consideration with significant environmental effects.

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6. Is related to other actions with individual insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects.

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7. Adversely affect properties listed or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

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8. Adversely affect a listed or proposed Threatened or Endangered Species or critical habitat.

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9. Required compliance with Executive Order 11988 (Floodplain Mgmt), Executive Order 11990 (Protection of Wetland), or the FFW Coordination Act.

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10. Threaten to violate a fed, state, local or tribal law.

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